

CLAIMS

We claim:

- [c1] 1. A fireplace assembly, comprising:
a firebox;
an outer housing surrounding the firebox and spaced apart from portions of the firebox to define an airflow passageway around the firebox, the airflow passageway having an inlet and an outlet; and
a receptacle carried by the outer housing and in fluid communication with the airflow passageway, the receptacle being in proximity to the firebox to be heated by heat from the firebox and configured to contain a selected aromatic material that evaporates and mixes with airflow moving through the airflow passageway between the inlet and the outlet when the receptacle is heated by heat from the firebox.
- [c2] 2. The assembly of claim 1 wherein the firebox contains a burner assembly connectable to a gas source.
- [c3] 3. The assembly of claim 1 wherein the receptacle is configured to move between an open position and a closed position, the receptacle being configured to receive the selected aromatic material when the receptacle is in the open position.
- [c4] 4. The assembly of claim 3 wherein the receptacle slides relative to the outer housing between the open and closed positions.
- [c5] 5. The assembly of claim 1 wherein the receptacle is positioned above the firebox.

- [c6] 6. The assembly of claim 1 wherein the receptacle is positioned at least partially in the airflow passageway.
- [c7] 7. The assembly of claim 1, further comprising an aromatic material in the receptacle and that evaporates when heated by the heat from the firebox.
- [c8] 8. A fireplace insert, comprising:
a firebox;
a fireplace insert housing partially surrounding the firebox and spaced apart from portions of the firebox to define an airflow passageway around the firebox, the airflow passageway having an inlet and an outlet; and
a receptacle carried by the fireplace insert housing and in fluid communication with the airflow passageway, the receptacle in proximity to the firebox to be heated by heat from the firebox and configured to contain a selected aromatic material that evaporates and mixes with airflow moving through the airflow passageway between the inlet and the outlet when the receptacle is heated by the heat from the firebox to provide an aromatic airflow out of the airflow passageway through the outlet.
- [c9] 9. The insert of claim 8 wherein the firebox contains a burner assembly connectable to a gas source.
- [c10] 10. The insert of claim 8 wherein the receptacle is configured to move between an open position and a closed position, the receptacle being configured to receive the selected aromatic fluid when the receptacle is in the open position.
- [c11] 11. The insert of claim 10 wherein the receptacle slides relative to the housing between open and closed positions.

- [c12] 12. The insert of claim 8 wherein the receptacle is positioned above the firebox.
- [c13] 13. The insert of claim 8 wherein the receptacle is positioned at least partially in the airflow passageway.
- [c14] 14. The insert of claim 8, further comprising an aromatic material in the receptacle and that evaporates when heated by the heat from the firebox.
- [c15] 15. A fireplace frame for attachment to a fireplace insert having an outer housing surrounding a firebox and spaced apart from portions of the firebox to define an airflow passageway around the firebox, the frame comprising:
 a support member configured for attachment to a portion of the fireplace insert; and
 a receptacle carried by the support member and in fluid communication with the airflow passageway, the receptacle in proximity to the firebox to be heated by heat from the firebox and configured to contain a selected aromatic material that evaporates and mixes with airflow moving through the airflow passageway when the receptacle is heated by the heat from the firebox to provide an aromatic airflow out of the airflow passageway.
- [c16] 16. The frame of claim 15 wherein the receptacle is configured to move between an open position and a closed position, the receptacle being configured to receive the selected aromatic material when the receptacle is in the open position.
- [c17] 17. The frame of claim 16 wherein the receptacle slides relative to the support member between the open and closed positions.

- [c18] 18. The frame of claim 15 wherein the receptacle is positioned above the firebox.
- [c19] 19. The frame of claim 15 wherein the receptacle is positioned at least partially in the airflow passageway.
- [c20] 20. The frame of claim 15, further comprising an aromatic material in the receptacle and that evaporates when heated by the heat from the firebox.
- [c21] 21. A heating appliance, comprising:
a firebox;
an outer housing surrounding the firebox and spaced apart from portions of the firebox to define an airflow passageway around the firebox, the airflow passageway having an inlet and an outlet; and
a receptacle carried by the outer housing and in fluid communication with the airflow passageway, the receptacle being in proximity to the firebox to be heated by heat from the firebox and configured to contain a selected aromatic material that evaporates and mixes with airflow moving through the airflow passageway between the inlet and the outlet when the receptacle is heated by the heat from the firebox.
- [c22] 22. The heating appliance of claim 21 wherein the appliance is a stove.
- [c23] 23. The heating appliance of claim 21 wherein the appliance is a fireplace.
- [c24] 24. The heating appliance of claim 21 wherein the appliance is a fireplace insert.

- [c25] 25. The heating appliance of claim 21 wherein the receptacle is configured to move between an open position and a closed position, the receptacle being configured to receive the selected aromatic material when the receptacle is in the open position.
- [c26] 26. The heating appliance of claim 25 wherein the receptacle slides relative to the outer housing between open and closed positions.
- [c27] 27. The heating appliance of claim 23 wherein the receptacle is positioned above the firebox.
- [c28] 28. The heating appliance of claim 23 wherein the receptacle is positioned at least partially in the airflow passageway.
- [c29] 29. The heating appliance of claim 23 further comprising an aromatic material in the receptacle and that evaporates when heated by the heat from the firebox.
- [c30] 30. A fireplace assembly, comprising:
a firebox;
an outer housing surrounding the firebox and spaced apart from portions of the firebox to define an airflow passageway around the firebox, the airflow passageway having an inlet and an outlet;
a receptacle carried by the outer housing and in fluid communication with the airflow passageway, the receptacle being in proximity to the firebox to be heated by heat from the firebox; and
a selected aromatic material in the receptacle that evaporates and mixes with airflow moving through the airflow passageway between the inlet and the outlet of the airflow passageway when the aromatic material is heated by the heat from the firebox.